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THE CORBIN PAPERS.

[Through the kind permission of the late Mrs. S. Wellford Corbin, of "Farley Vale," King George county, Va., we were permitted to make copies of a number of old documents which have been preserved by the family. Richard Corbin, of "Laneville," King and Queen county, was the last royal Receiver General of Virginia.]

COMMISSARY WILLIAM ROBINSON.[1]

[Endorsed]

King's Warrant.

William Robinson, £100 Per Annum out of Virginia Quit Rents as Commissary.

Ent.

Ent. in the Office of the Auditor General of the Plantations 20th November, 1765.

RBT. CHOLMONDELEY.

Ent. in ye Audrs Office in Virginia, April 11, 1766.

JOHN BLAIR, D. Audr.

GEORGE R.

Whereas, it hath been humbly represented unto Us on behalf of William Robinson, Minister of the Gospel, now residing in Our Colony of Virginia, that he was by an appointment from Doctor Sherlock, formerly Bishop of London, bearing date the eighteenth of April, 1761, constituted Commissary for exercising Spiritual and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the said Colony in the room of Thomas Dawson then lately deceased, and that a yearly Salary of One hundred Pounds had been allowed and paid out of the Quit Rents in the said Colony as

[1]William Robinson, son of Christopher Robinson, of "Hewick," Middlesex county, Va., matriculated April 2, 1737, at the age of twenty, at Oriel College, Oxford, and received his B. A. degree in 1740. He states in a paper, which has been printed, that after taking his degree, he was chosen to one of "Dr. Robinson, Bishop of London's exhibitions (who was my great uncle)." He was ordained in 1743, and became minister of Stratton-Major, King and Queen county, in 1744, continuing to be so until his death in 1767 or 1768. See Meade's *Old Churches and Families of Virginia*, I, 377-378.

well to the said Thomas Dawson as to several of his predecessors in the said Office in respect thereof, And We have been humbly besought to allow a like yearly Salary unto the said William Robinson during his continuance in the said Office whereunto We are graciously pleased to condescend and agree, Our Will and Pleasure therefore is, And We do hereby Direct, Authorize and Command that out of any Monies which from time to time shall be in your hands of Our Revenue of Quit Rents arising in Our said Colony of Virginia, You do pay unto the said William Robinson such sums of Money as are already due, or from time to time hereafter quarterly or otherwise shall become due unto him for and upon the yearly Salary of One hundred Pounds, which We hereby Give and Grant unto him in respect of his said Office, the said yearly Salary to commence from the said Eighteenth day of April, 1761, and to be payable and paid for and during such time as he shall continue to execute the said Office of Commissary, Or until We shall signify Our Pleasure to the contrary. And this, together with the acquittance or Acquittances of the said William Robinson, shall be as well to you for making such Payments as to the Auditor General for allowing thereof upon your Accounts a sufficient Warrant. Given at Our Court at Saint James's this 11th day of Nov'r, 1765, In the sixth Year of Our Reign.

LORD DUNMORE[2] TO RICHARD CORBIN.

[Endorsed]

Lord Dunmore rec'd Sep'r, 1775.

[Addressed]

To Mr. Robert Prentis at W——burg.

Sir,

Do be so good as to forward the inclosed as directed, and you will much oblige Sir yours,

DUNMORE.

[Endorsement on Enclosure]

Rec'd 7th Sep'r. R. P.

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[2]On June 2, 1775, Lord Dunmore left Williamsburg and took refuge on a British man-of-war. Until about mid-summer, 1776, he, with a fleet under his command, was cruising on the Virginia coast, and engaged in hostilities with the Virginians.

[Addressed]

To the Hon^bl Richard Corbin, Esq'r, at Laneville.

OFF NORFOLK ON BOARD THE WILLIAM,

7ber 5th, 1775.

DEAR SIR,

A few days ago I received yours of the 16th Ulto. informing me that notwithstanding your private Business required your presence at Home, yet you did not choose to go, fearing it might not be agreeable to some of your Countrymen in their present moode of thinking, but that you had requested your friend to mention your situation to the Convention at Richmond, & that you find it is agreeable to them that you should go home; I am sure if that is the Case, and you are still of opinion that your private Business requires your presence, I know of nothing that need detain you a single moment here, on the contrary I think if there is but a chance that your going can be of the smallest service to this your native land, nothing aught to prevent you, and if my concurrence is necessary, you have it with all my heart, and from my Soul wishing that you could be the means of reconciling these very unfortunate differences, between two Countries whose mutual advantage it is to be firmly united, and wishing most sincerely that on your return you may find this at present unhappy and most wretchedly deluded Country, in the full exercise of its late happy constitution & Government, which I know is your sincere wish, & must be of every real well wisher to His Country, but can be of none more than of your

Most Ob^t & very H^ble Servt,

DUNMORE.

To Col. Corbin.

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